

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus comprising:
 - first display control means for controlling the display of a thumbnail one or more thumbnails that are permitted to overlap in a predetermined shape and non-sequential manner;
 - determination means for determining whether or not a predetermined time has passed with respect to a selection of said one or more thumbnails with said thumbnail selected; and
 - second display control means for controlling, if said predetermined time is found to have passed with said thumbnail selected respect to said selection of said one or more thumbnails, the display of additional attribute information associated with said thumbnail one or more thumbnails at a predetermined position corresponding to the display position of said thumbnail one or more thumbnails.

2. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said second display control means controls the display so that said information associated with said thumbnail is one or more thumbnails are displayed in a semitransparent frame or on a semitransparent background.

3. (Currently Amended) The information processing method comprising the steps of:

controlling the display of a thumbnail one or more thumbnails that are permitted to overlap in a predetermined shape and non-sequential manner;

determining whether or not a predetermined time has passed with respect to a selection of said one or more thumbnails with said thumbnail selected; and

controlling, if said predetermined time is found to have passed with said thumbnail selected respect to said selection of said one or more thumbnails, the display of additional attribute information associated with said thumbnail one or more thumbnails at a predetermined position corresponding to the display position of said thumbnail one or more thumbnails.

4. (Currently Amended) A program storage medium for storing a computer-readable program comprising the steps of:

controlling the display of a thumbnail one or more thumbnails that are permitted to overlap in a predetermined shape and non-sequential manner;

determining whether or not a predetermined time has passed with respect to a selection of said one or more thumbnails with said thumbnail selected; and

controlling, if said predetermined time is found to have passed with said thumbnail selected respect to said selection of said one or more thumbnails, the display of additional attribute information associated with said thumbnail one or more thumbnails at a predetermined position corresponding to the display position of said thumbnail one or more thumbnails.

5. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable program comprising the steps of:
controlling the display of ~~a thumbnail~~ one or more thumbnails that are permitted
to overlap in a predetermined shape and non-sequential manner;
determining whether or not a predetermined time has passed with respect to a
selection of said one or more thumbnails with said thumbnail selected; and
controlling, if said predetermined time is found to have passed with said
thumbnail selected respect to said selection of said one or more thumbnails, the display of
additional attribute information associated with said thumbnail one or more thumbnails at
a predetermined position corresponding to the display position of said thumbnail one or
more thumbnails.

6. (New) The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the
predetermined shape is a line.

7. (New) The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the
predetermined shape is a circle.

8. (New) The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the
predetermined shape is an ellipse.

9. (New) The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the
predetermined shape is a spiral.

10. (New) The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the predetermined shape is a polygon.

11. (New) The information processing method according to claim 3, wherein the predetermined shape is a line.

12. (New) The information processing method according to claim 3, wherein the predetermined shape is a circle.

13. (New) The information processing method according to claim 3, wherein the predetermined shape is an ellipse.

14. (New) The information processing method according to claim 3, wherein the predetermined shape is a spiral.

15. (New) The information processing method according to claim 3, wherein the predetermined shape is a polygon.

16. (New) The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said one or more thumbnails represent audio data, video data, audio/video data, text data, Hypertext Markup Language (HTML) data or software specific data.

17. (New) The information processing apparatus according to claim 16, wherein a user is capable of predicting the size of said audio data by only viewing the thumbnail corresponding to said audio data.

18. (New) The information processing method according to claim 3, wherein said one or more thumbnails represent audio data, video data, audio/video data, text data, Hypertext Markup Language (HTML) data or software specific data.

19. (New) The information processing method according to claim 18, wherein a user is capable of predicting the size of said audio data by only viewing the thumbnail corresponding to said audio data.

20. (New) An information processing apparatus comprising:
first display control means for controlling the display of one or more thumbnails that are permitted to overlap in a predetermined shape and non-sequential manner;
determination means for determining whether or not a predetermined time has passed with respect to a selection of said one or more thumbnails; and
second display control means for controlling, if said predetermined time is found to have passed with respect to said selection of said one or more thumbnails, additional attribute information associated with said one or more thumbnails at a predetermined position corresponding to the display position of said one or more thumbnails;
wherein said predetermined shape is selected from the group consisting of a line, a circle, an ellipse, a spiral and a polygon.

21. (Currently Amended) The information processing method comprising the steps of:

controlling the display of one or more thumbnails that are permitted to overlap in a predetermined shape and non-sequential manner;

determining whether or not a predetermined time has passed with respect to a selection of said one or more thumbnails; and

controlling, if said predetermined time is found to have passed with respect to said selection of said one or more thumbnails, additional attribute information associated with said one or more thumbnails at a predetermined position corresponding to the display position of said one or more thumbnails;

wherein said predetermined shape is selected from the group consisting of a line, a circle, an ellipse, a spiral and a polygon.